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Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) signed for The Moraine Route Shuttle Bus Stops in Rocky Mountain National Park

The Intermountain Regional Director for the National Park Service signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Moraine Route Shuttle Bus Stops and Sprague Lake Road Improvements projects in Rocky Mountain National Park. This is the National Park Service decision document that fulfills the park's obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

With this decision, the park will make improvements at eight existing shuttle bus stops located along the Moraine Shuttle Bus Route. Two of the shuttle bus stops will be moved a short distance (less than 165 feet) to improve visitor safety and to protect park resources. Six existing shuttle bus stops will be improved at their current locations.

The bridge on the Sprague Lake Road crossing Glacier Creek will be replaced. A short section of the road south of the bridge will be widened to more safely accommodate two-way traffic. Approximately 644 linear feet of the road and approximately 5,492 square feet (0.13 acre) of the parking lot serving Sprague Lake and Glacier Creek stables will be resurfaced for maintenance purposes.

The bridge replacement project will begin no later than February 1 and be completed late spring when the Glacier Creek Stables open for the summer season. The work on the Moraine Route Shuttle Bus stops will take place in the future, pending funding.